CSIS hosts Fusion Center Discussion Ahead of National Fusion Center Conference

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Policy makers and homeland security experts gathered yesterday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) to discuss the role of fusion centers [1] in our nation's security.

Homeland Security Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis Bart Johnson spoke about the value fusion centers bring to the fight against domestic terrorism, and the necessity of building increased trust among federal intelligence players and state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement entities.

"I still don't believe state, local and tribal capabilities, assets and expertise are truly understood within the intelligence community," said Johnson. "Not through any nefarious reasons, just because of lack of awareness."

Johnson's keynote address was followed by three panel discussions, which touched on the policies, priorities, and technical requirements of fusion centers. Fusion centers are considered a critcial servie supported by the Information Sharing Environment.

The National Fusion Center Conference [2] will be held March 15-17 in Denver.

Learn more about fusion centers. [1]

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